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PREVIOUSLY...

THE SHATTERED WORLD CRISIS IS UPON US!

The continents have been ripped up and now fly around as floating islands. Knuckles has been enlisted by a mysterious force to track down a powerful spirit that should help fix the world!



Along the way he met the Chaotix, who had been hired to find the Chaos Emeralds. These gems are the key to restoring the world. Could they hold a connection to the spirit

Knuckles was tasked to find? Knuckles joined the Chaotix to find out.

Together they faced strange and terrifying monsters as they searched the spooky Pumpkin Hills. While they haven't found the Emerald, they have found trouble in the form of the Chaotix's greatest rivals...



WHO'S WHO



**KNUCKLES
THE ECHIDNA**
THE LAST GUARDIAN



TEAM CHAOTIX
(VECTOR, ESPIO & CHARMY)
FREELANCE DETECTIVES



TEAM HOOLIGAN
(BARK, NACK & BEAN)
MERCENARY CROOKS



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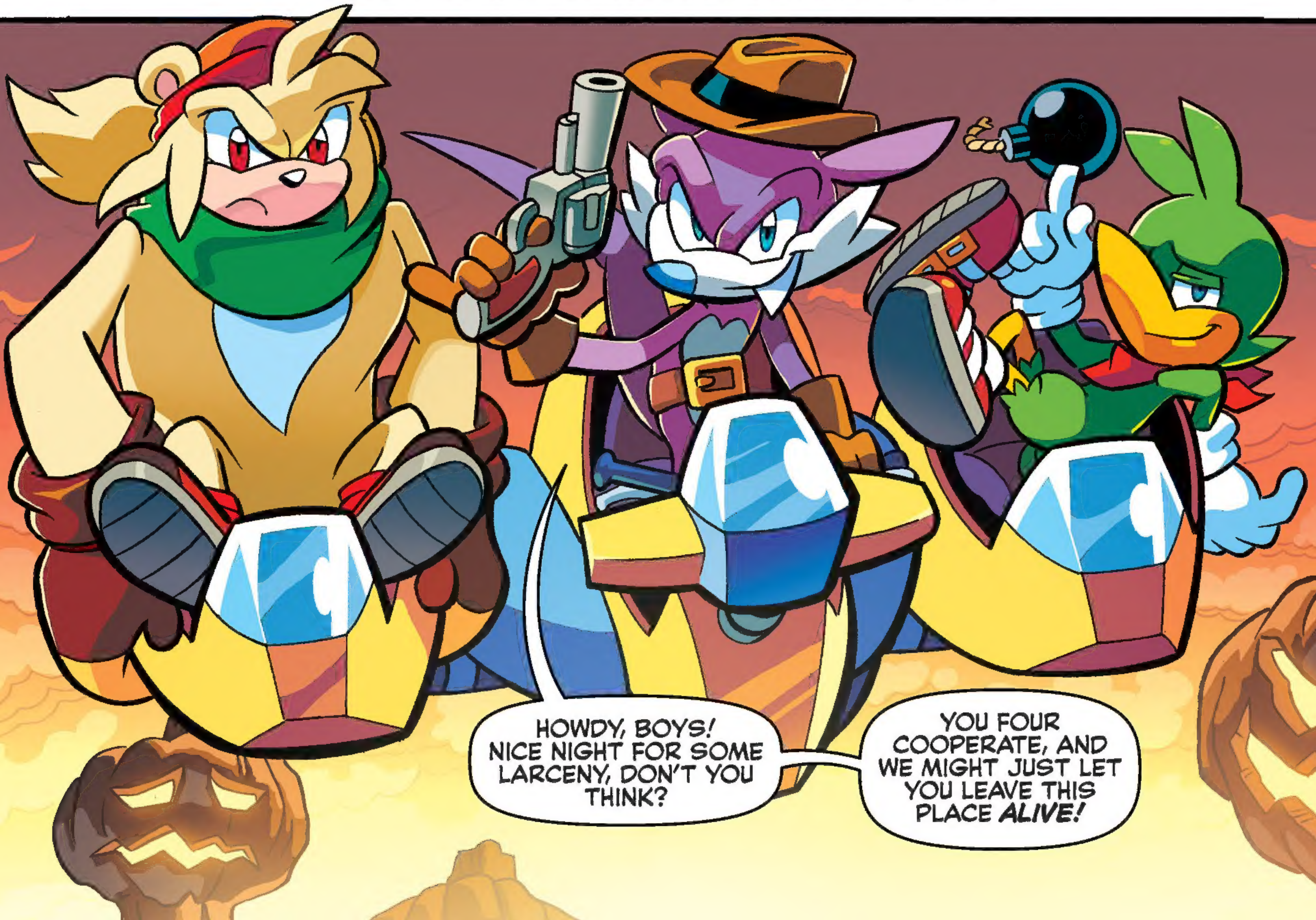
THE CHAOS EMERALD WAS ON THE MOVE, AND NOW THEY'RE HERE...

THEY MUST'VE TAKEN IT!

THE GREAT CHAOS CAPER

PART TWO: THE USUAL SUSPECTS

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HOWDY, BOYS! NICE NIGHT FOR SOME LARCENY, DON'T YOU THINK?

YOU FOUR COOPERATE, AND WE MIGHT JUST LET YOU LEAVE THIS PLACE ALIVE!

NACK the WEASEL FANGED SNIPER

BARK the POLAR BEAR SILENT BRAWLER

GYEEP!

The MARVELOUS QUEEN NACK'S BIKE-- DON'T TOUCH!

Oh, YEAH? **CHAOTIX-- LET'S GET 'EM!**

VECTOR the CROCODILE CHAOTIX LEADER

KNUCKLES the ECHIDNA LAST OF HIS KIND

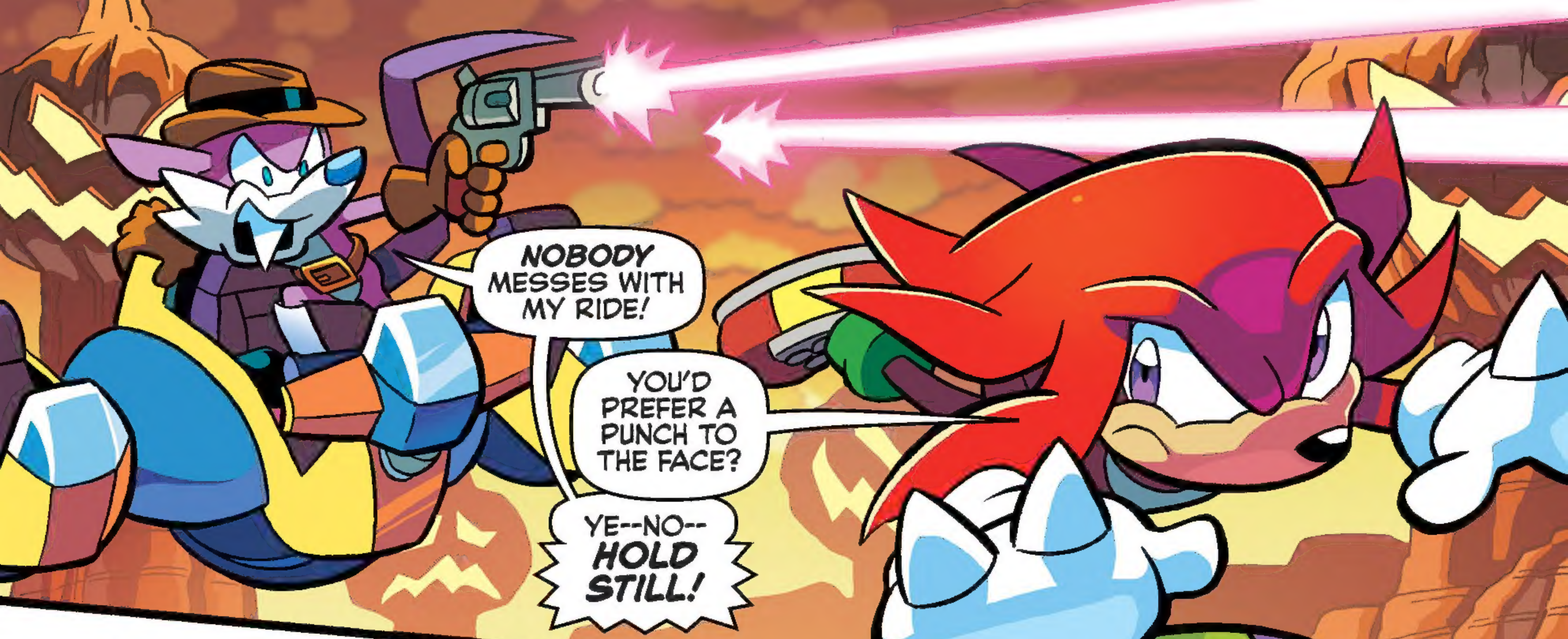
GOOD EVENING!

ESPIO the CHAMELEON CHAOTIX NINJA

CHARMY the BEE JUNIOR CHAOTIX

BEAN the DYNAMITE DUCK HAS ISSUES





NOBODY
MESSES WITH
MY RIDE!

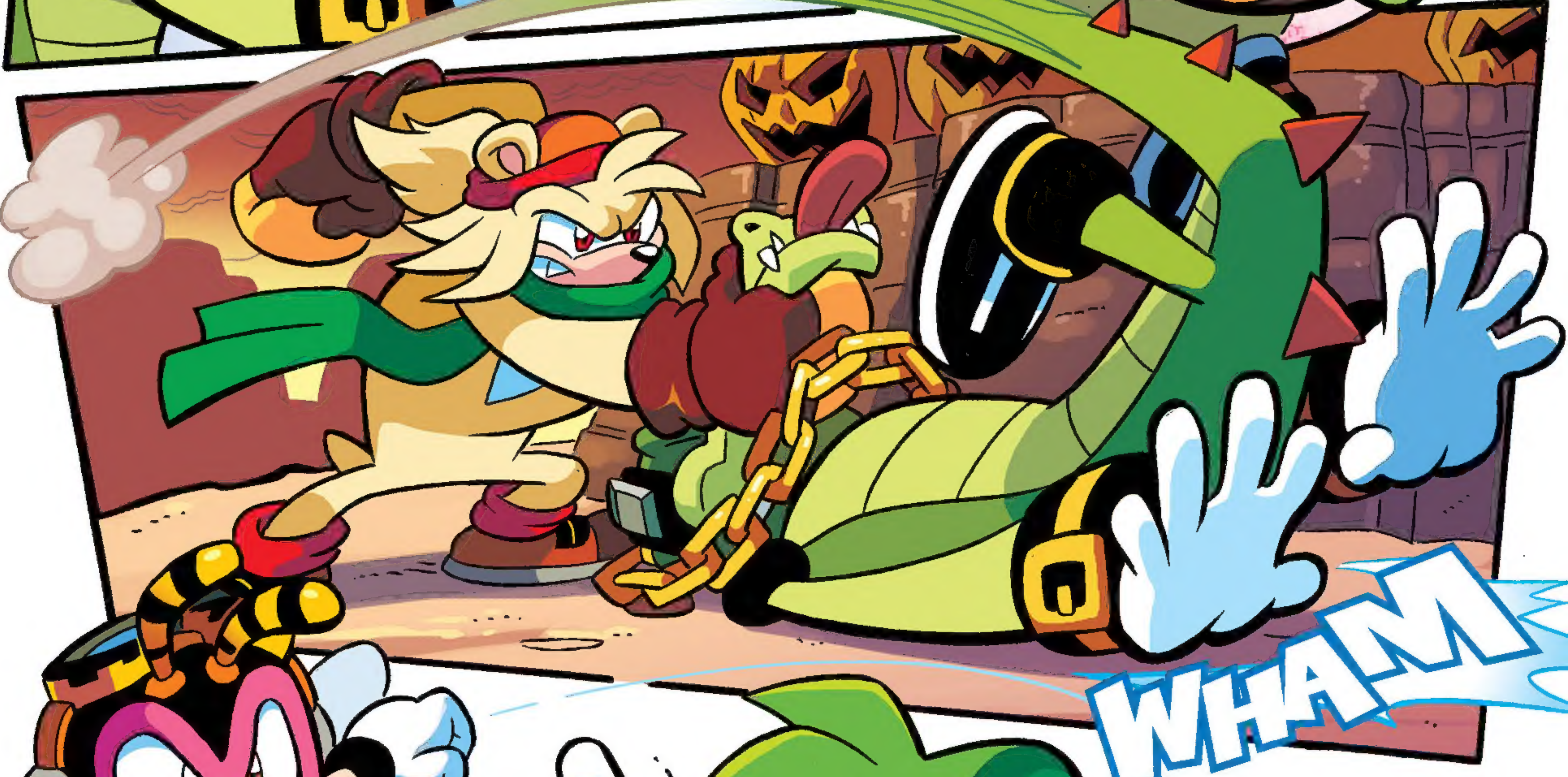
YOU'D
PREFER A
PUNCH TO
THE FACE?

YE--NO--
HOLD
STILL!



GRRR! SHOULD'VE
KNOWN YOU NO-GOOD
MERC'S WERE BEHIND THIS!
HAND OVER THE EMERALD
BEFORE I--!

?



WHAM!



HOLD ON!
HOLD ON!
MY WORD
BALLOONS
ARE STILL
MESSED
UP!



HEY,
NOW! I'M A
REASONABLE
CUT-THROAT!

I GAVE YOU
MUGS A CHANCE
TO HAND OVER
THE EMERALD
QUICKLY!

NOW YOU
MADE THIS
A *THING!*

A FOOLISH
PLOY--WE KNOW
YOU HAVE THE
EMERALD.

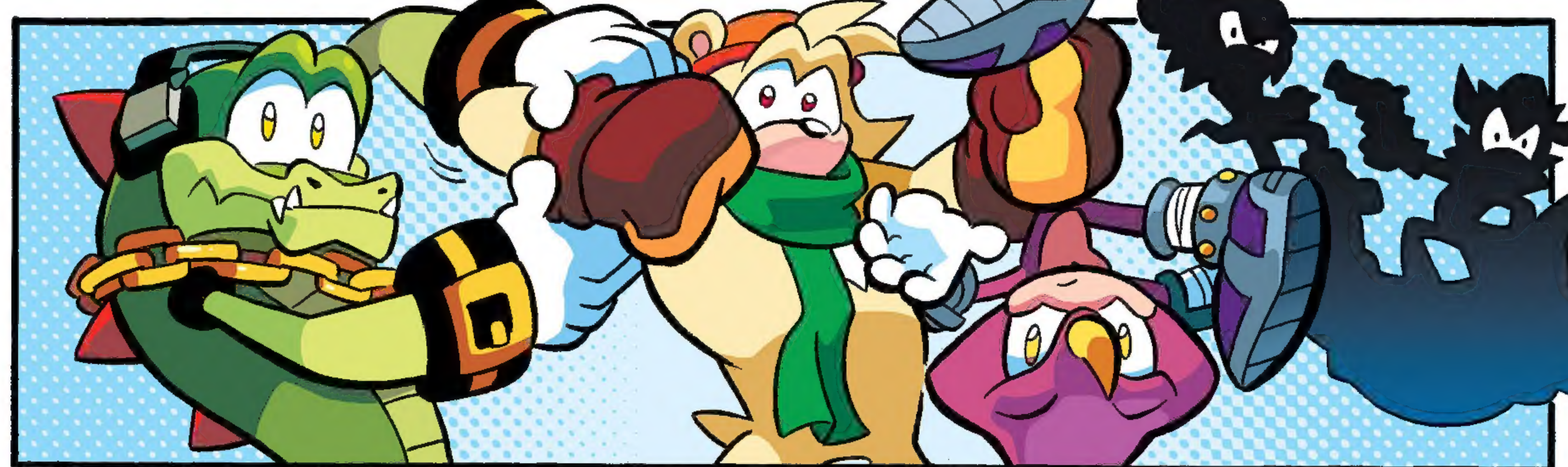


TESTING, TESTING,
ONE-TWO-THREE...
THERE WE GO!

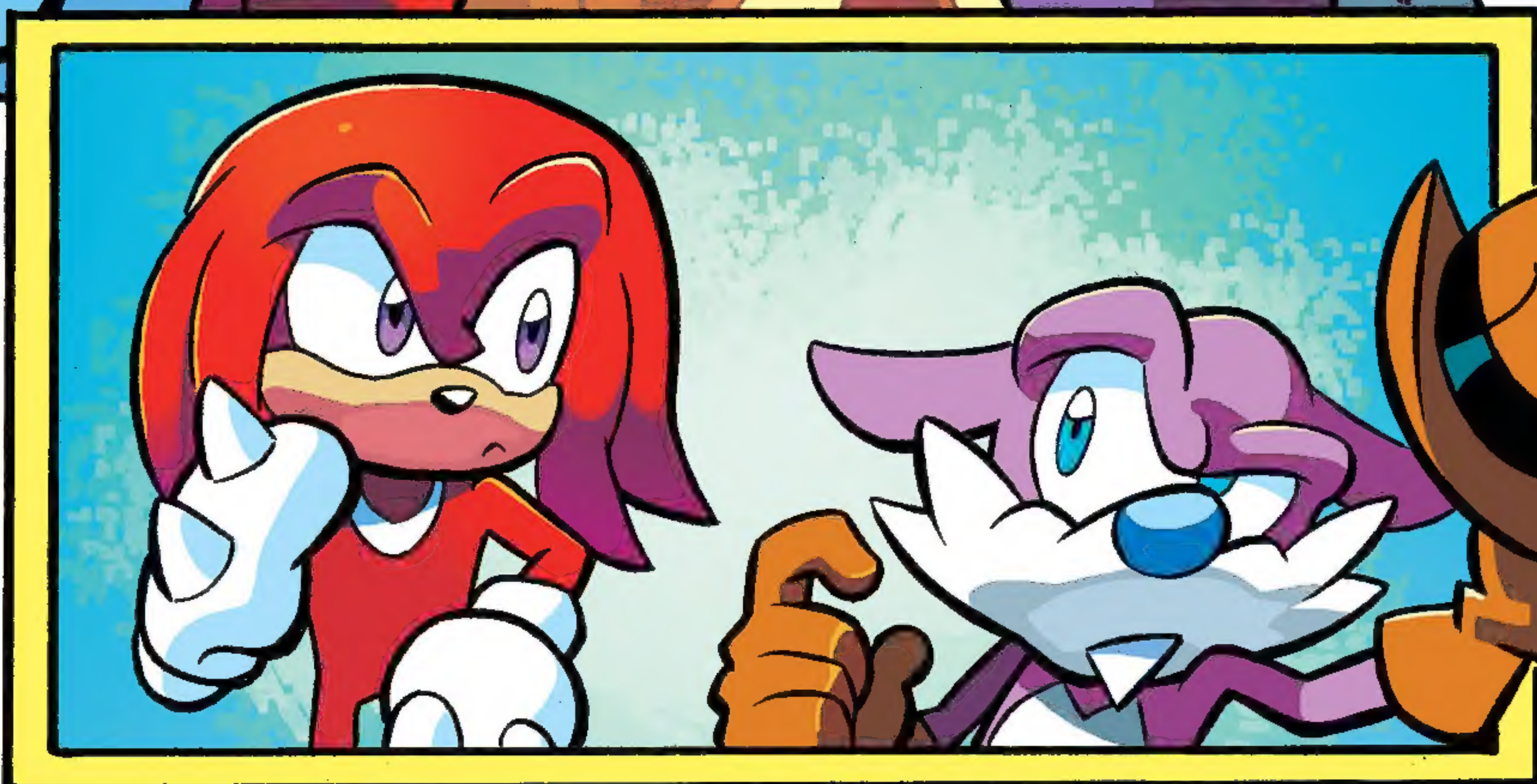
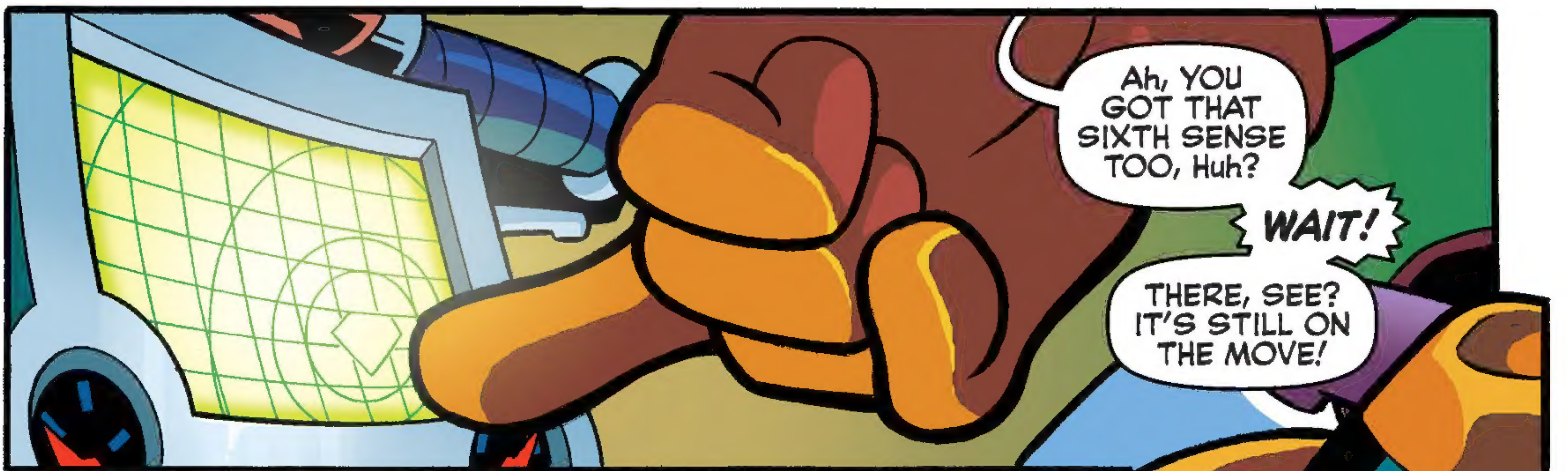
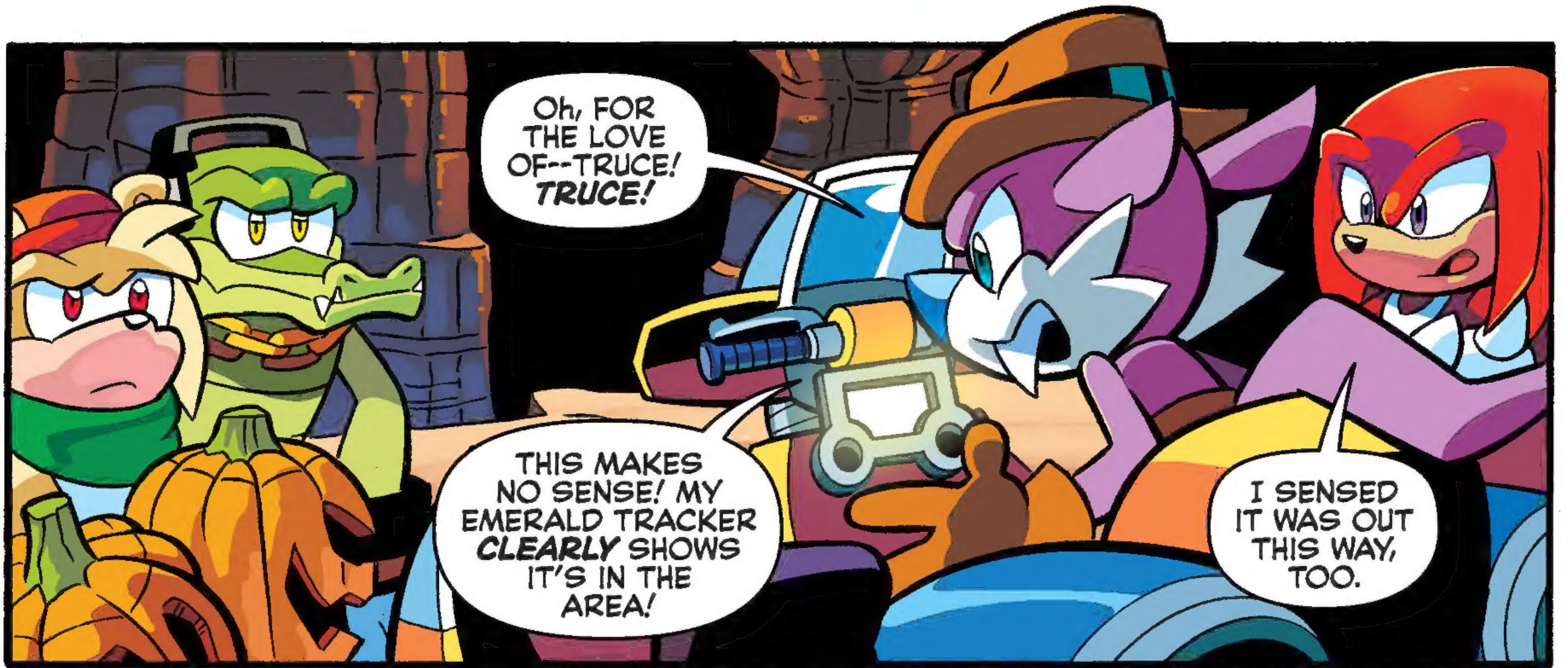
NOW...



...IF *THEY* DON'T HAVE THE SHINY,
AND *WE* AMBUSHED *THEM* TO GET
SAID SHINY, DOESN'T IT STAND
TO REASON THAT *NOBODY*
HAS THE SHINY?



SCOUGH!





OOF!

BEAN!
GIVE US
SOME
COVER!

YOU GOT
IT, BOSS!
NINJA--
VANISH!



BRAKKA-RAKKA-BLAM



LATER,
SUCKERS!

THAT IS
NOT HOW
NINJA
VANISH!

THAT'S JUST GREAT!

THE HOOLIGANS GOT THE DROP ON US, AND NOW THEY'VE GOT A HEAD START!



YEAH-- BUT THEY DON'T HAVE ME.

LIKE I SAID--I'VE BEEN THROUGH THIS AREA BEFORE, WHEN I WAS LOOKING FOR THE SHARDS OF THE MASTER EMERALD.



IT'S LIKE A MAZE. SO WHILE THOSE THREE ARE FLYING AROUND WITHOUT A CLUE, I CAN SHOW YOU THE BEST WAY IN.



AND YOU CAN SENSE THE EMERALD... WE'RE NOT SUNK! WE'VE STILL GOT THE ADVANTAGE!

WOO! WE CAN STILL PRETEND TO BE NUMBER ONE!



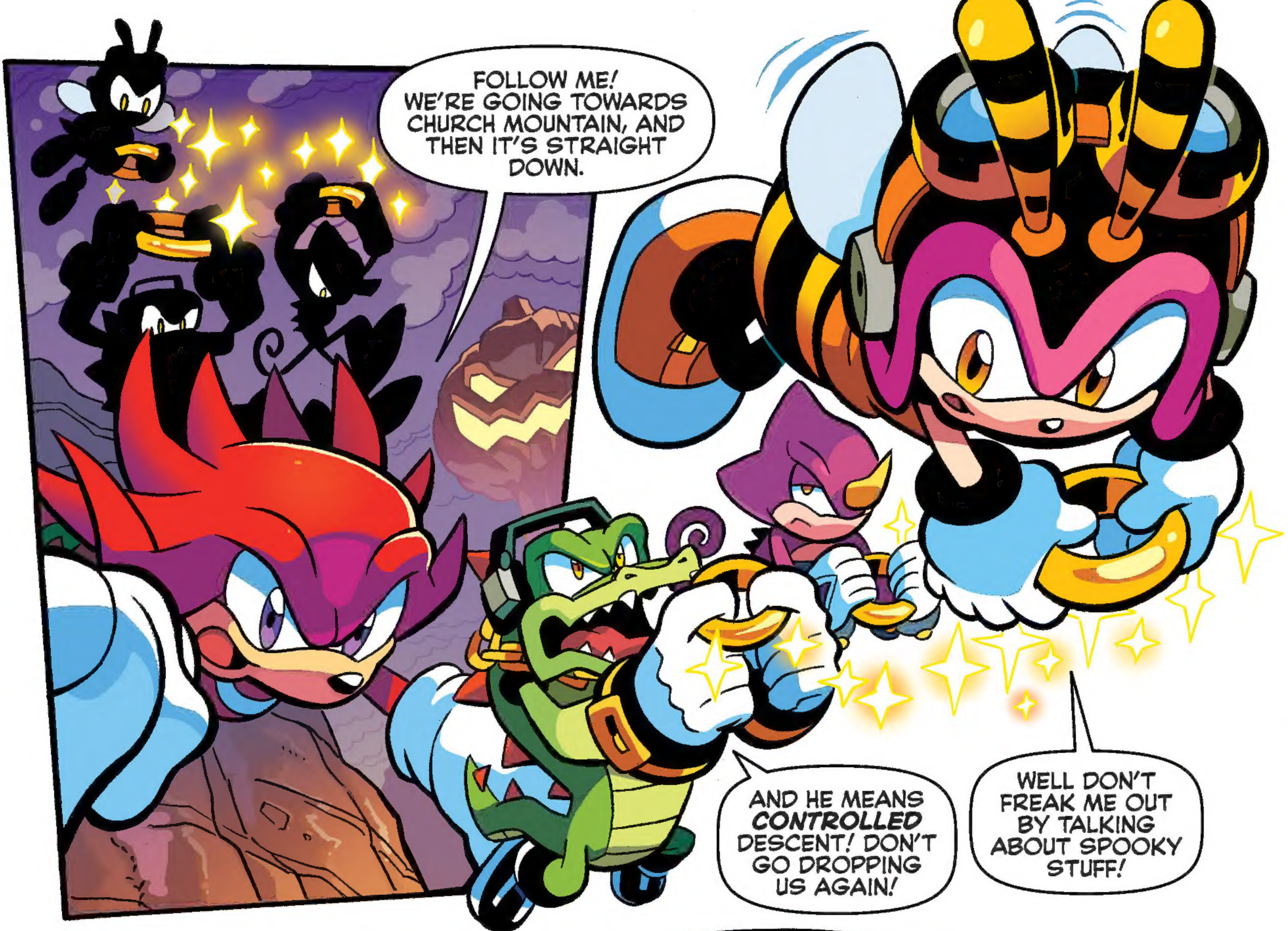
THEN LET'S HURRY! THEY STILL HAVE THE SPEED ADVANTAGE.



THEN WE'LL CHANNEL OUR INNER-SONIC! VROOM! WHOOSH!

PSSHT! NEVER.

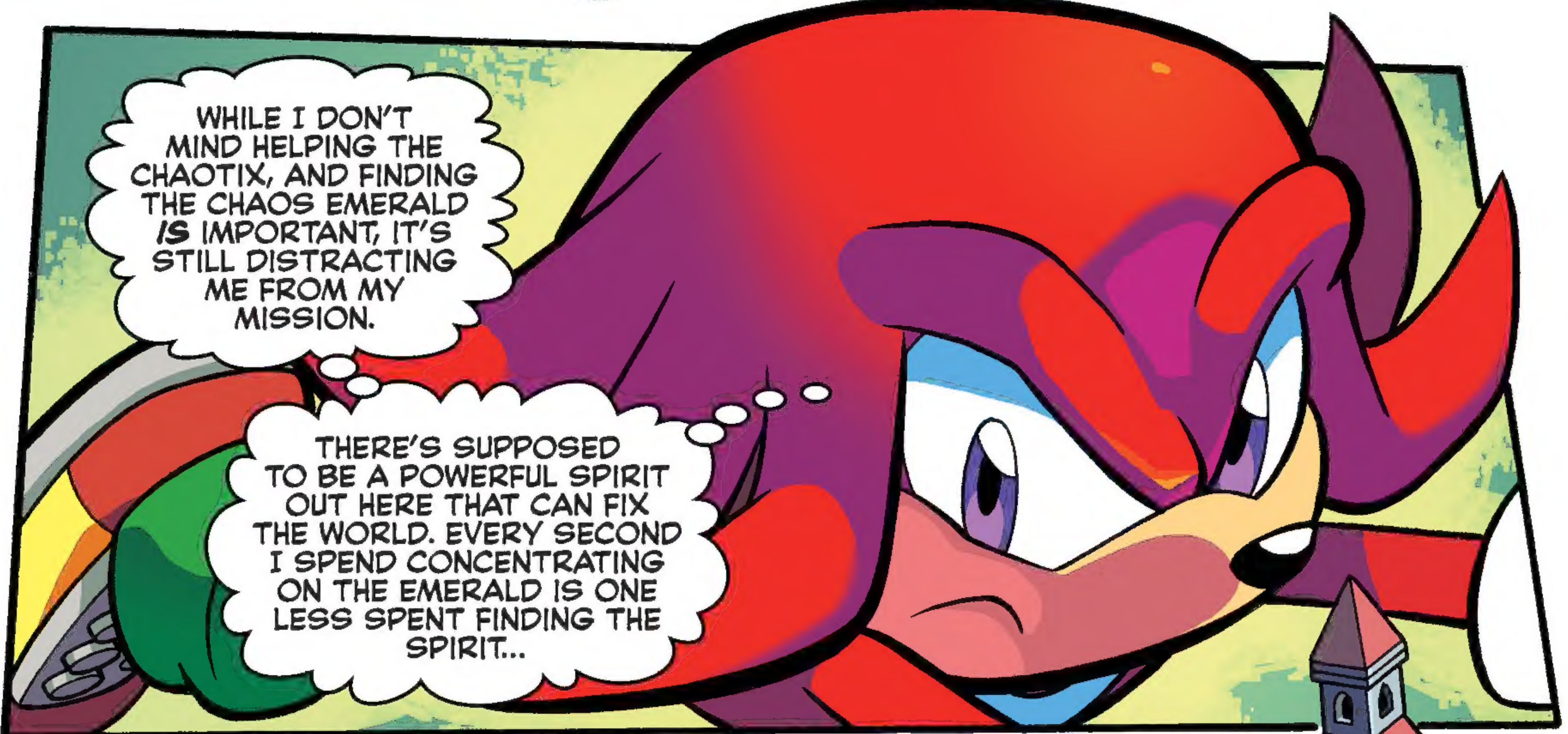




FOLLOW ME!
WE'RE GOING TOWARDS
CHURCH MOUNTAIN, AND
THEN IT'S STRAIGHT
DOWN.

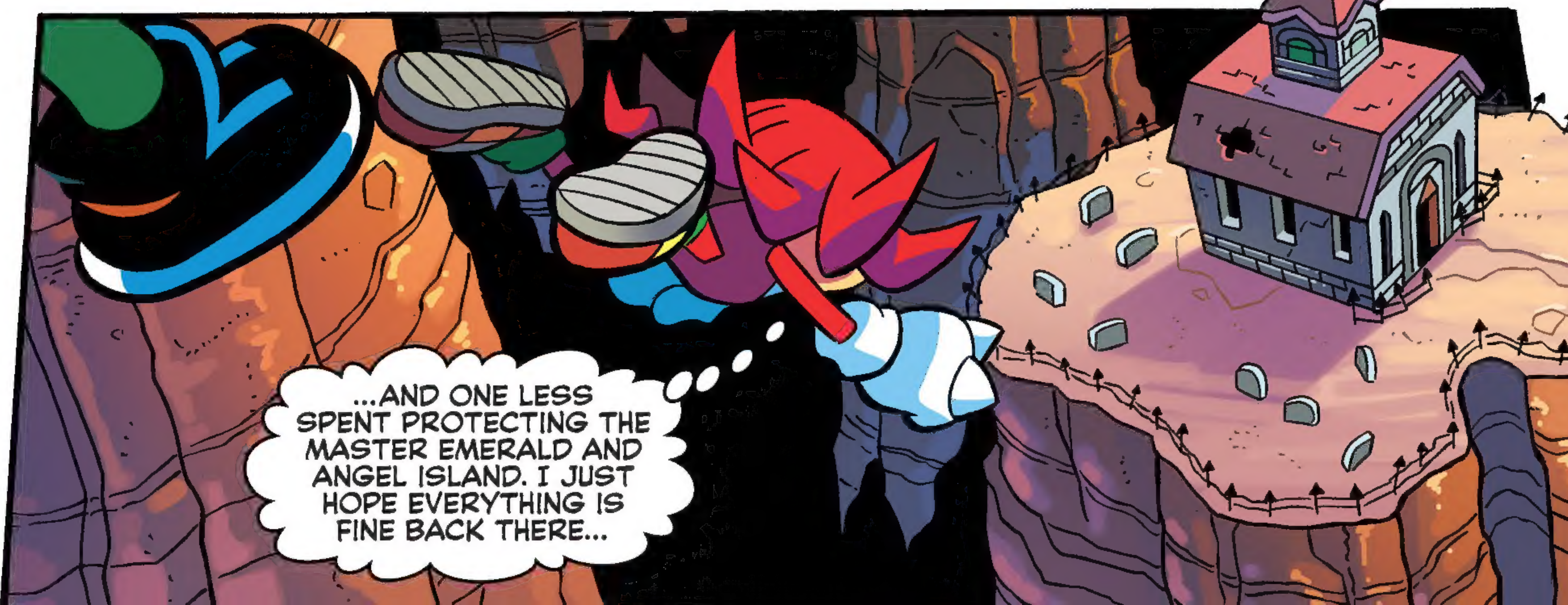
AND HE MEANS
CONTROLLED
DESCENT! DON'T
GO DROPPING
US AGAIN!

WE'LL DON'T
FREAK ME OUT
BY TALKING
ABOUT SPOOKY
STUFF!



WHILE I DON'T
MIND HELPING THE
CHAOTIX, AND FINDING
THE CHAOS EMERALD
IS IMPORTANT, IT'S
STILL DISTRACTING
ME FROM MY
MISSION.

THERE'S SUPPOSED
TO BE A POWERFUL SPIRIT
OUT HERE THAT CAN FIX
THE WORLD. EVERY SECOND
I SPEND CONCENTRATING
ON THE EMERALD IS ONE
LESS SPENT FINDING THE
SPIRIT...



...AND ONE LESS
SPENT PROTECTING THE
MASTER EMERALD AND
ANGEL ISLAND. I JUST
HOPE EVERYTHING IS
FINE BACK THERE...

...AND NOTHING BOTHERS RELIC!

RELIC the PIKA ARCHAEOLOGIST

MEANWHILE-- LAUNCH BASE ZONE, ANGEL ISLAND

FIXIT ANCIENT MACHINE

Doooooh! IT'S LIKE THE ORIGINAL RESIDENTS DIDN'T WANT THESE SYSTEMS TO COORDINATE AT ALL!



Erm...MADAM RELIC? MAY I INQUIRE *WHAT* YOU'RE ATTEMPTING TO DO...

...SO I MAY BE OF ASSISTANCE?

WELL, SINCE I CAN'T SEEM TO CONTACT ANYONE ON THE SURFACE --SUCH AS IT IS NOWADAYS--

I THOUGHT I MIGHT GET ALL THE OLD SYSTEMS ACROSS THE ISLAND TO SYNC UP.

KNUCKLES TASKED US WITH WATCHING OVER THE ISLAND IN HIS ABSENCE.

YOU WOULD *THINK* THAT SINCE HIS ANCESTORS BUILT UP SO MUCH ACROSS THE ISLAND...

...THEY'D HAVE LEFT A WAY TO TALK TO ONE ANOTHER!

GUARDIAN KNUCKLES USES THE OLD TECHNOLOGY, CORRECT?

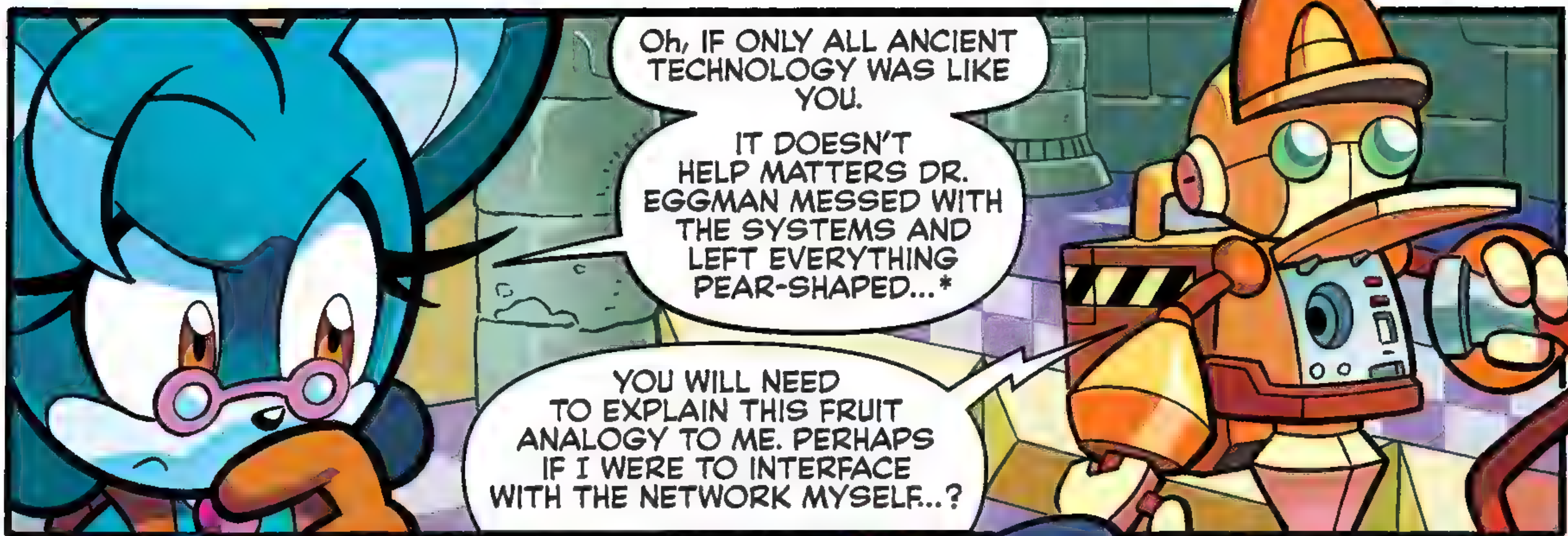
Oh, YES, HE'S *QUITE* FAMILIAR WITH EVERYTHING. BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW *HOW* IT WORKS, JUST THAT IT *DOES*.

WHICH LEAVES ME YELLING AT THESE MACHINES LIKE AN UTTER *MORON!*

BUT NOT YOU, DEAR. YOU'RE EVER SO HELPFUL, AND I'M QUITE HAPPY I FOUND YOU UNDER THAT RUBBLE.

I LIVE TO SERVE!



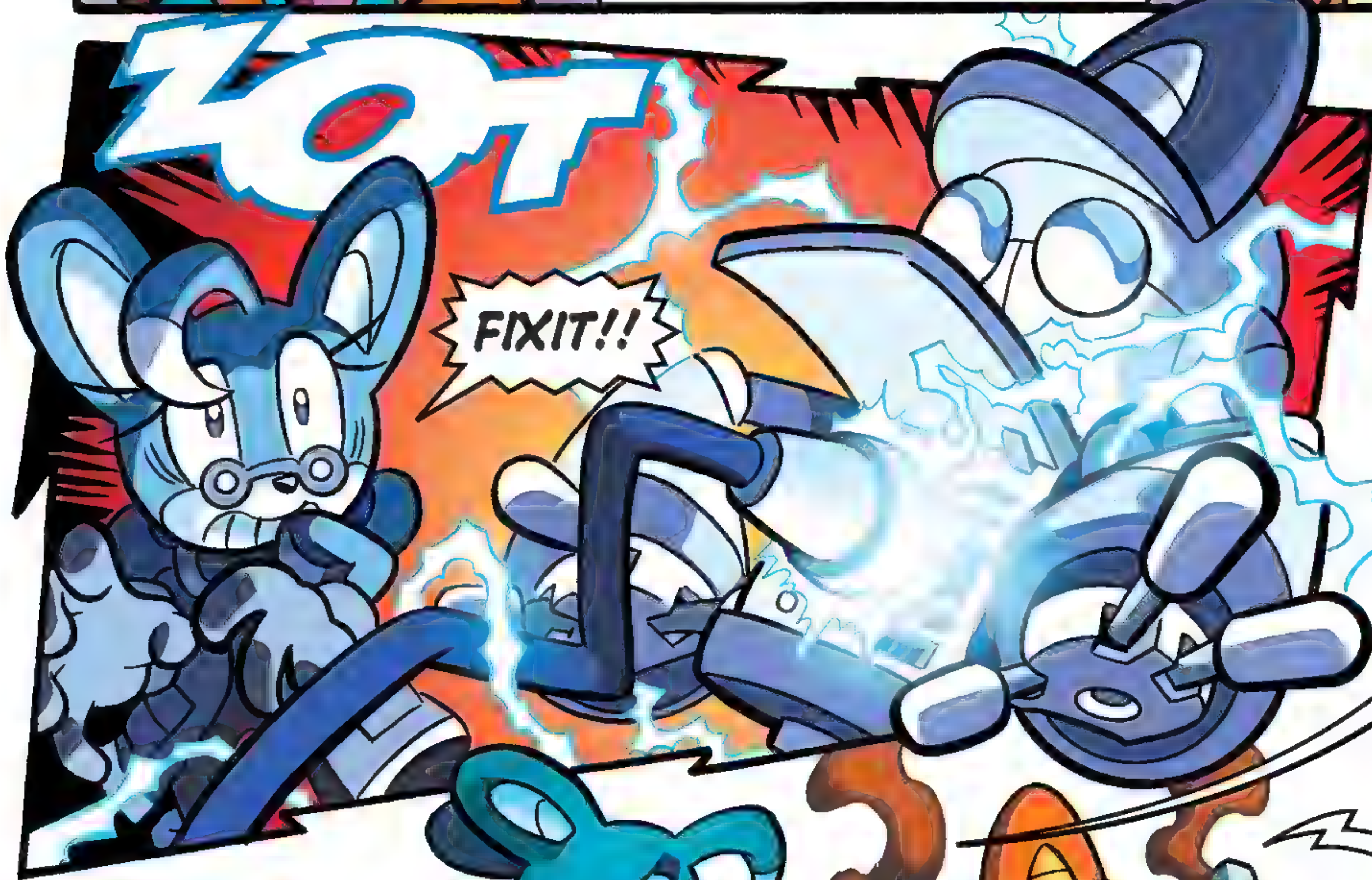


Oh, IF ONLY ALL ANCIENT TECHNOLOGY WAS LIKE YOU.

IT DOESN'T HELP MATTERS DR. EGGMAN MESS'D WITH THE SYSTEMS AND LEFT EVERYTHING PEAR-SHAPED...*

YOU WILL NEED TO EXPLAIN THIS FRUIT ANALOGY TO ME. PERHAPS IF I WERE TO INTERFACE WITH THE NETWORK MYSELF...?

*SONIC 3 & KNUCKLES --THE GAME.



FIXIT!!

FIXIT? ARE YOU ALRIGHT, DEARIE? PLEASE BE ALRIGHT. I HAVEN'T THE FOGGIST IDEA HOW TO REPAIR YOU!

I'M *zvté* FINE, MADAM.

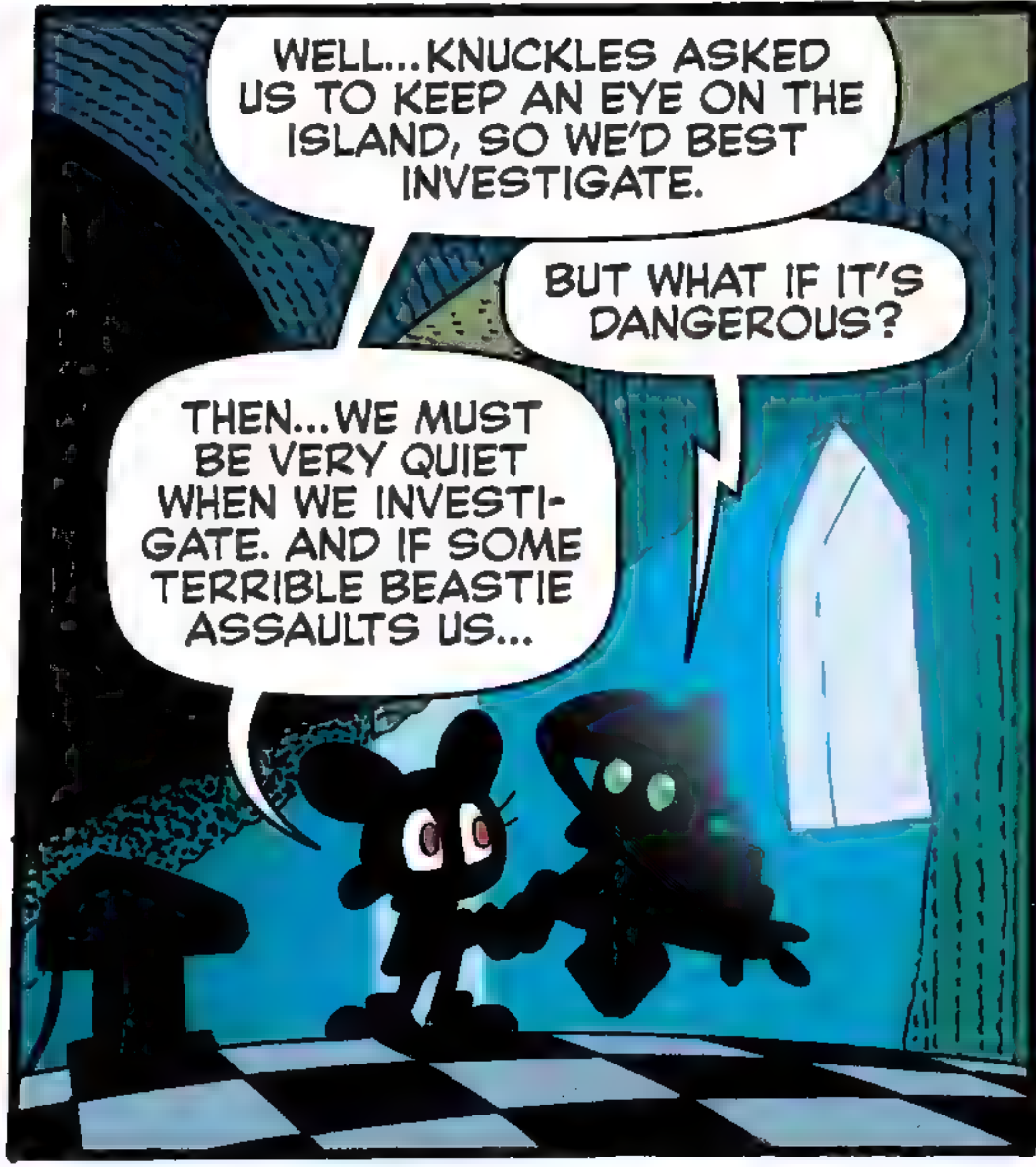
I AM N-NOT FULLY *zvté* COMPATIBLE WITH THE POST-EGGMAN AFFECTED SYSTEMS...



I D-DID, HOWEVER, NOTE A STRANGE ENERGY READING IN M-MUSHROOM HILL ZONE.

STRANGE? "STRANGE" HOW?

IT IS HARD TO DEFINE...IT SEEMS ALIEN TO THE ISLAND...



WELL...KNUCKLES ASKED US TO KEEP AN EYE ON THE ISLAND, SO WE'D BEST INVESTIGATE.

BUT WHAT IF IT'S DANGEROUS?

THEN...WE MUST BE VERY QUIET WHEN WE INVESTIGATE. AND IF SOME TERRIBLE BEASTIE ASSAULTS US...

...WE MUST
RUN VERY
QUICKLY!!!

AQUATIC
MINE
ZONE.

TH-THIS PLACE
IS E-EVEN **CREEPIER**
THAN THE HILLS...

WHATTAYA
TALKIN' ABOUT?
IT'S DARK, IT'S
DANK--REMINDS
ME OF HOME!

OR THE
OFFICE WHEN
YOU HAVEN'T
PAID THE
POWER
BILL...

CAN YOU
STILL SENSE THE
EMERALD?

YEAH--IT'S
MUCH STRONGER
DOWN HERE. AND
IT'S STILL
MOVING.

HOW DO YOU
DO THAT, ANYWAY?
SENSE THE EMERALDS
AND STUFF.

I DON'T KNOW.
IT'S JUST A SIXTH
SENSE I'VE ALWAYS
KNOWN.

THEY SAY ALL THE
BEST TREASURE HUNTERS
CAN "FEEL" WHAT THEY'RE
LOOKING FOR THIS WAY.

SINCE WHEN DID YOU
HUNT FOR TREASURE?
YOU'RE ALWAYS
WATCHING THE MASTER
EMERALD?

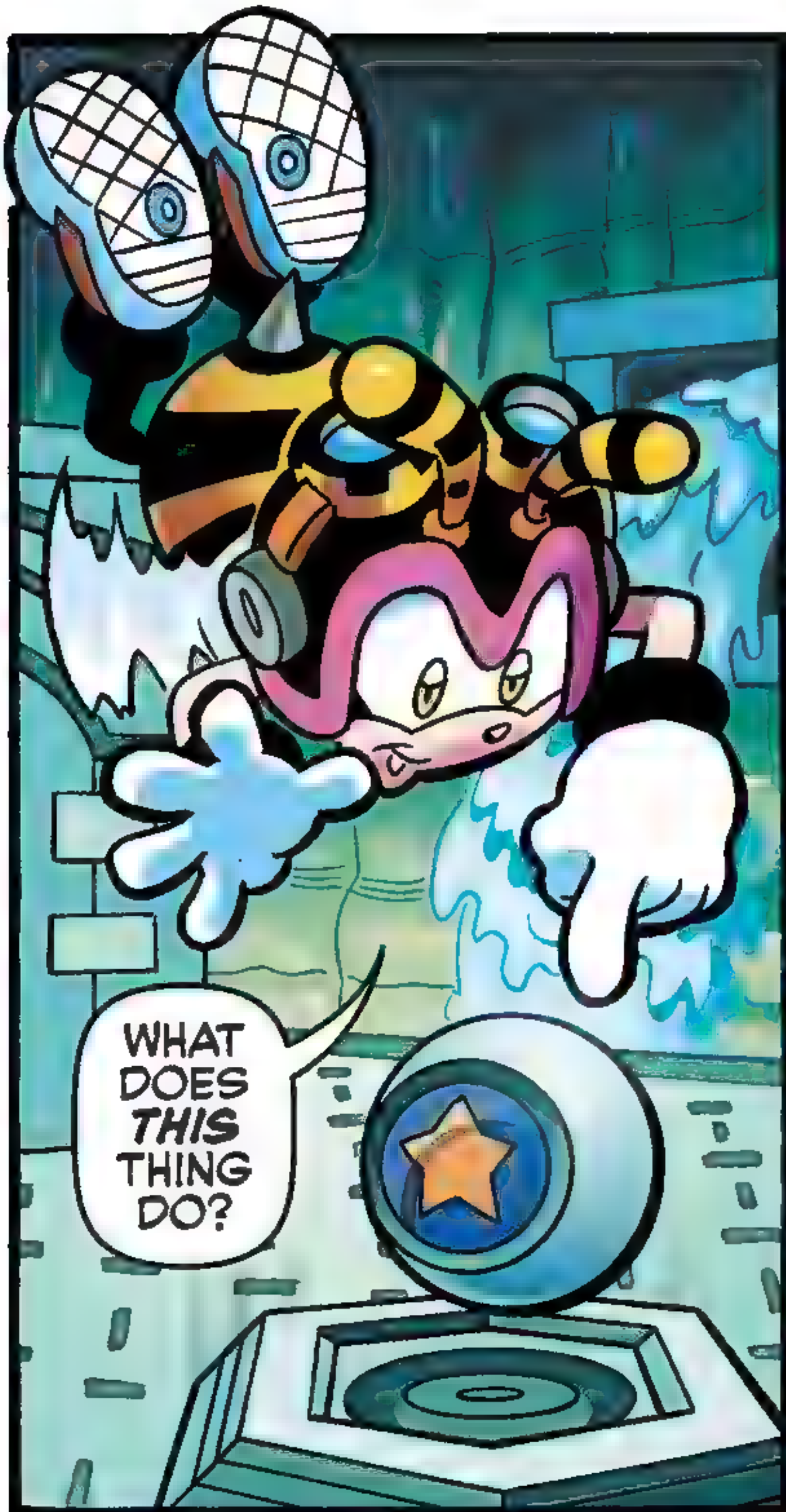
"ALWAYS"?
I CAN HAVE
HOBBIES TOO,
Y'KNOW.

WHY DO YOU
KEEP HIM AROUND
AGAIN?

WOULD
YOU LEAVE HIM
TO FEND FOR
HIMSELF?

I WRITE HIM OFF AS
A "CHARITABLE CAUSE"
EVERY TAX SEASON.

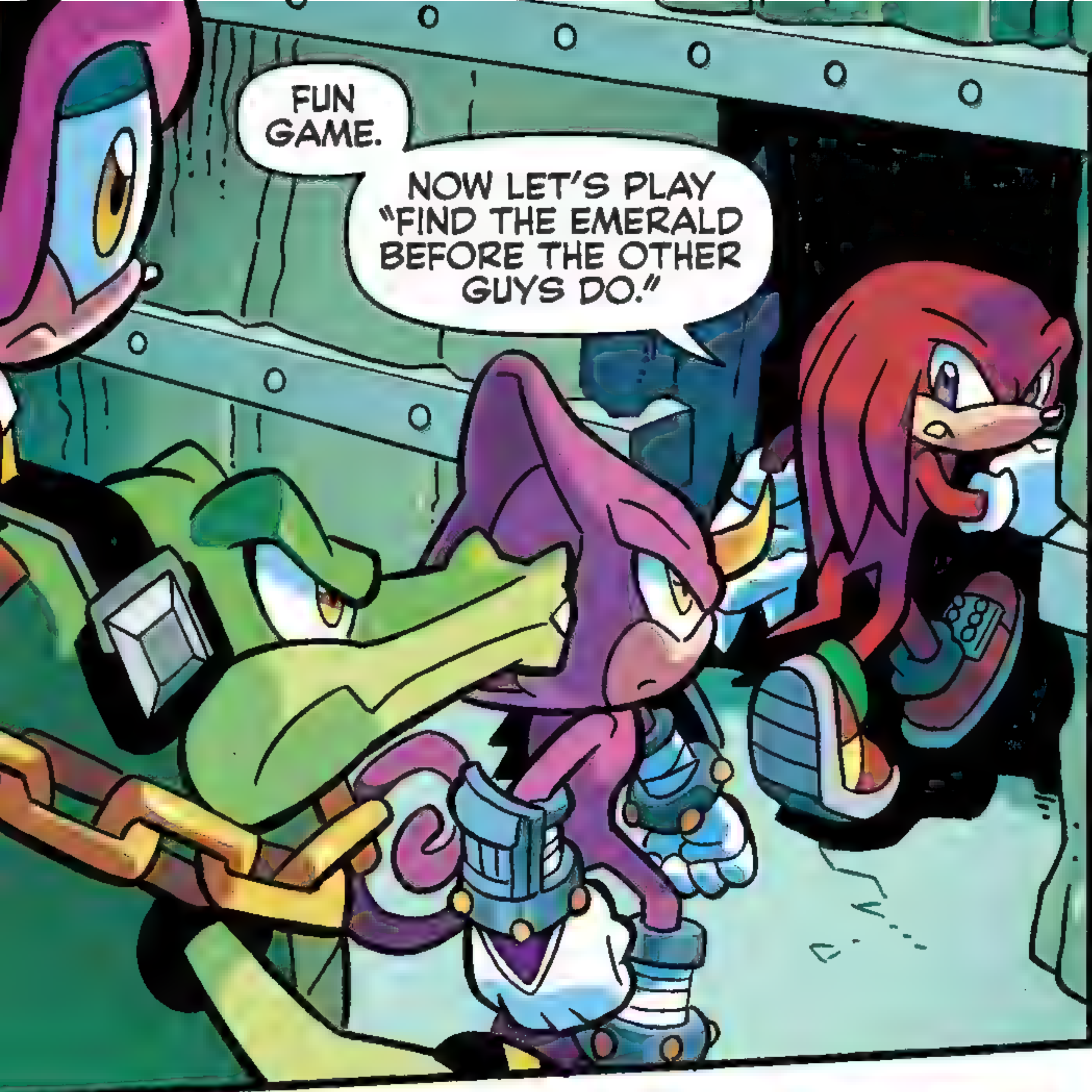
OOOOH!



I DON'T KNOW. I GUESS THE MINERS NEEDED A WAY TO KEEP ALL THE WATER IN CHECK.

AND DRAINING THIS PLACE WASN'T AN OPTION.





FUN GAME.

NOW LET'S PLAY "FIND THE EMERALD BEFORE THE OTHER GUYS DO!"



Oh, WOW...



...WE'RE REALLY ON THE EDGE, AREN'T WE?

OUR POOR WORLD... BROKEN TO PIECES...*

*THE SHATTERED WORLD CRISIS BEGAN IN STH #256!



C'MON, GUYS. THIS IS ABOUT MORE THAN A PAYCHECK. WE'VE GOT TO SAVE THE PLANET.

COME TO THINK OF IT... WHERE WERE YOU GUYS WHEN THE WORLD BROKE APART?

IT WAS SCARY!

WE WERE FAR FROM ANY FAULT LINE, BUT **EVERYTHING** SHOOK. NO ONE WAS UNTOUCHED.

IT MAKES ME WONDER...

"...HOW THE HOOLIGANS CAN LIVE WITH THEMSELVES."

NO-NO-NO! WE SHOULD GO LEFT THERE!

YOU LACK IMAGINATION! AND EXPLOSIVES!

ARGH! YOU'RE NOT HELPING!

WE NEED TO FIND THE EMERALD BEFORE THE CHAOTIX AND GET IT BACK TO EGGMAN!

IT'S A TUNNEL, BEAN! THERE IS NO LEFT OR RIGHT!

sigh



Oh, NOW YOU'VE GOT A PROBLEM WITH WHO WE TAKE CONTRACTS FROM? NOW YOU'VE GOT SCRUPLES?

OR MAYBE YOU WANT TO LET THE WORLD SORT ITSELF OUT, LIKE IT ALWAYS DOES? IF YOU WANT OUT, SPEAK UP NOW.

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.

VROOOOM!
VROOOOM!

MEANWHILE...

SEE THAT?
WHOEVER DUG OUT
THIS PLACE SAW
GHOSTS, TOO.

THINK *THEIR*
GHOSTS HAUNT
THIS PLACE
NOW?

Huh...

EEP!

CUT IT OUT,
VECTOR. WE DON'T
NEED HIM JUMPING
AT SHADOWS DOWN
HERE, TOO.

NO, YOU MIGHT
AS WELL KEEP AN
EYE OUT. I RAN INTO
GHOSTS THE LAST
TIME I WAS DOWN
HERE.

Oh, FOR
THE LOVE
OF...

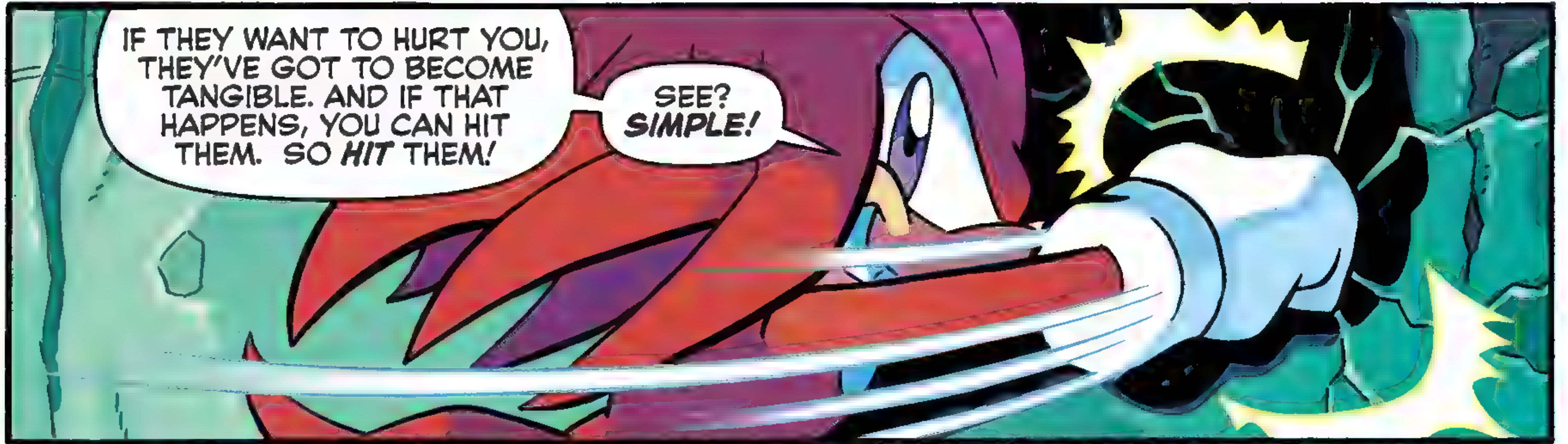
LOOK! *YOU*
MAY BE USED TO
GHOSTS...

...BUT THE MYSTERIES
WE DEAL WITH USUALLY
INVOLVE LOST WALLETS
AND PARANOID
SPOUSES!



LOOK--IT'S SIMPLE. GHOSTS ARE EITHER VAPOR OR SOLID.

IF THEY'RE VAPOR, THEY CAN'T TOUCH YOU, SO WHO CARES?



IF THEY WANT TO HURT YOU, THEY'VE GOT TO BECOME TANGIBLE. AND IF THAT HAPPENS, YOU CAN HIT THEM. SO *HIT* THEM!

SEE? SIMPLE!



I'M SURPRISED THAT WASN'T COVERED IN MY NINJA TRAINING.

HE'S THOROUGH--BUT HE STILL MAKES THE INFORMATION ACCESSIBLE!

HE'S AN INSPIRATION!



YEAH, WELL, WHEN YOU'RE A SEASONED PRO LIKE ME, ALL THIS COMES SECOND NATURE.


BESIDES, I'M SURE I CLEARED THIS PLACE OUT.



THERE PROBABLY ISN'T ANYTHING SUPERNATURAL LEFT DOWN HERE.



WHAT ABOUT THOSE MONSTERS WE FOUGHT ON THE SURFACE?




Oh, YEAH... WELL, HOPEFULLY, THEY **STAY** UP THERE.



HEY! WHAT'S DOWN THIS WAY?




IT'S ONE OF THE **MANY** FLOODED TUNNELS.



I THINK IT LEADS BACK TOWARDS THE SURFACE, BUT I CAN'T HOLD MY BREATH THAT LONG.



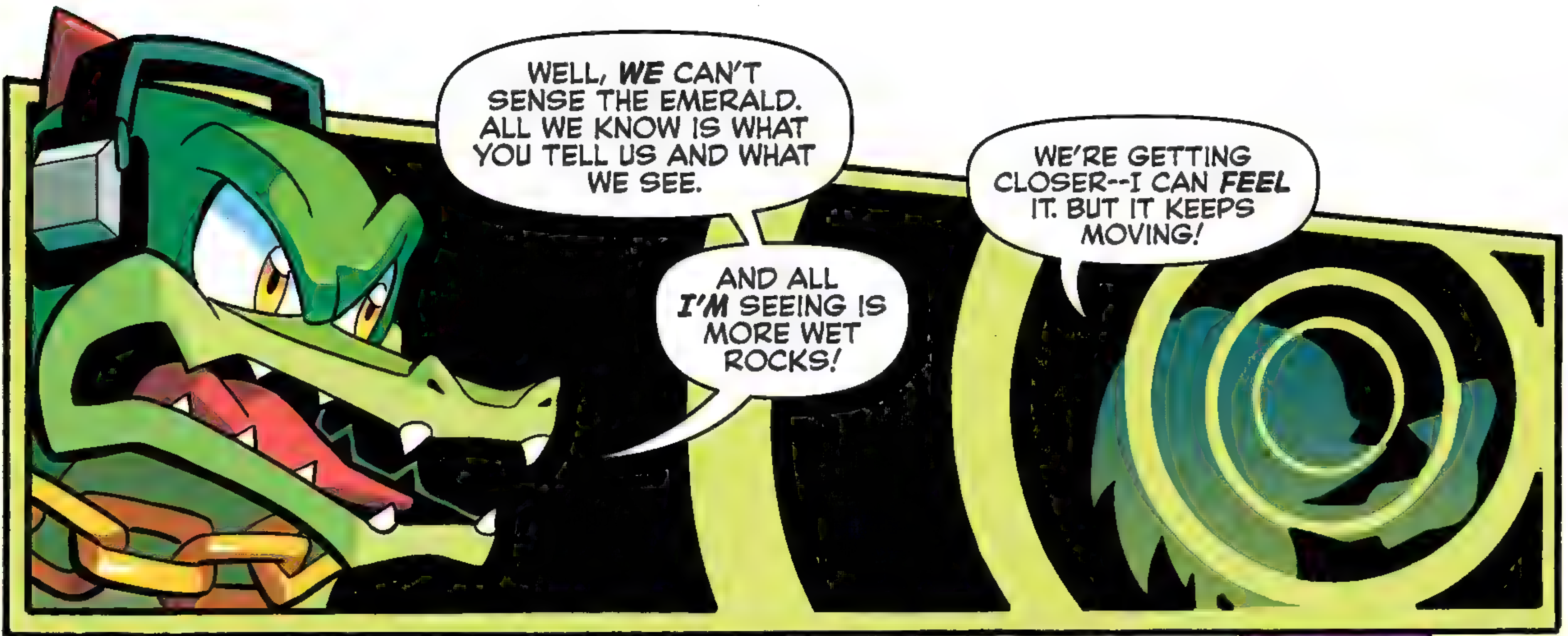
LET'S KEEP MOVING.



WE'VE BEEN DESCENDING FOR A VERY LONG TIME. PERHAPS WE'VE GONE THE WRONG WAY?



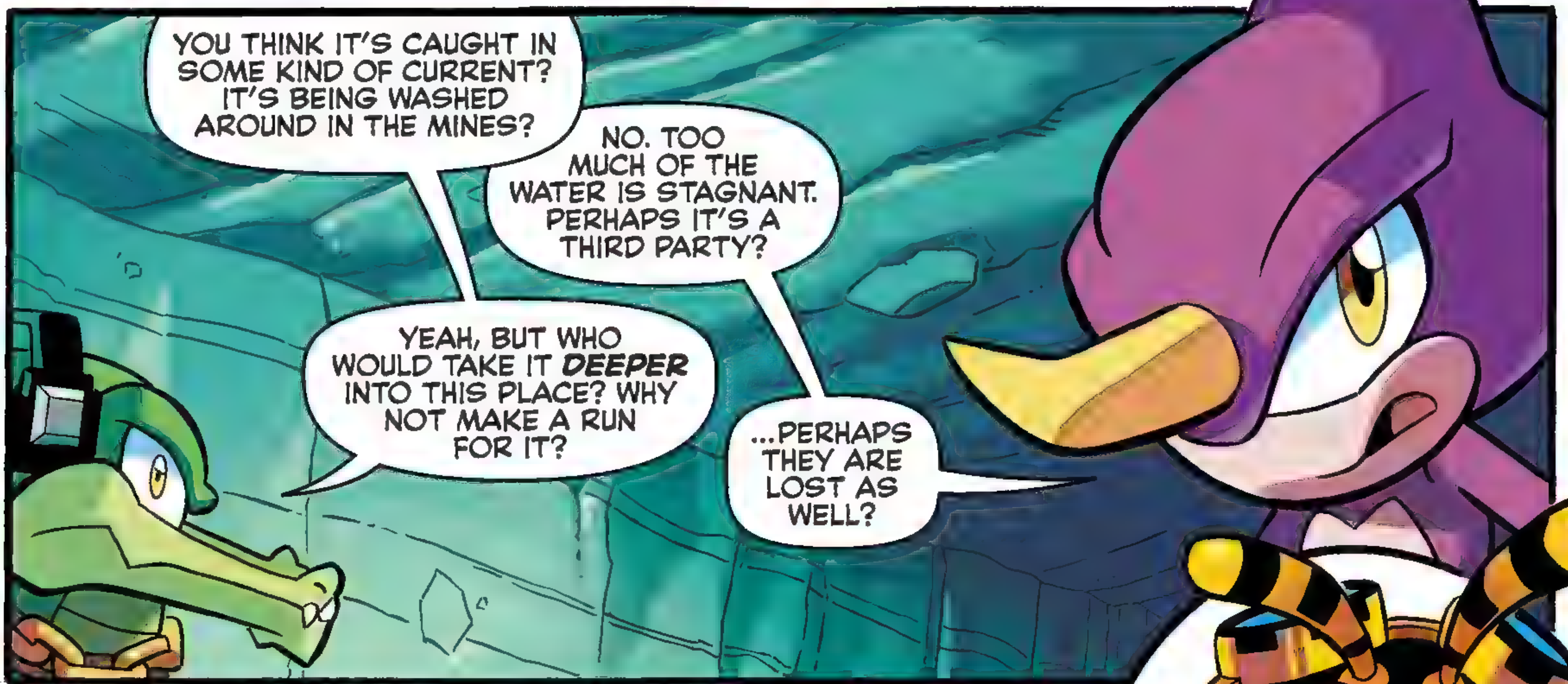
WE'D BE MOVING FASTER IF I DIDN'T HAVE TO STOP AND PLAY TOUR GUIDE! JUST. **KEEP. MOVING!**



WELL, WE CAN'T SENSE THE EMERALD. ALL WE KNOW IS WHAT YOU TELL US AND WHAT WE SEE.

AND ALL I'M SEEING IS MORE WET ROCKS!

WE'RE GETTING CLOSER--I CAN FEEL IT. BUT IT KEEPS MOVING!



YOU THINK IT'S CAUGHT IN SOME KIND OF CURRENT? IT'S BEING WASHED AROUND IN THE MINES?

NO. TOO MUCH OF THE WATER IS STAGNANT. PERHAPS IT'S A THIRD PARTY?

YEAH, BUT WHO WOULD TAKE IT *DEEPER* INTO THIS PLACE? WHY NOT MAKE A RUN FOR IT?

...PERHAPS THEY ARE LOST AS WELL?

GUYS! GUYS! WHAT IF THE HOOLIGANS FOUND IT FOR REAL THIS TIME?

WHAT IF WE'VE BEEN CHASING THEM THIS WHOLE TIME AND DIDN'T KNOW IT?

WE GOTTA HURRY!



B-BUT KNUCKLES IS THE ONE SENSING IT!

HURRY HURRY HURRY!

FIND IT! FIND IT!

FIND IT!

ENOUGH!!

I HAD MY OWN MISSION BEFORE I GOT ROPED INTO THIS!

I DON'T NEED TO FIGHT YOUR RIVALS FOR YOU, OR BABYSIT YOU THROUGH GHOST STORIES!

I'M NOT DOING YOUR JOB FOR YOU ANYMORE!

WHOA! SORRY, I JUST--

NO! MORE!

FINE. JUST POINT US IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, AND WE'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE.

GRRR... THE EMERALD IS...

...HEADING RIGHT FOR US.

JUST AROUND THIS CORNER...



H-HULLO?
IS S-SOMEONE
THERE...?

IS THIS THE SPIRIT KNUCKLES
WAS LOOKING FOR?!
WHATEVER IT IS--WHAT IS IT
DOING WITH THE

**CHAOS
EMERALD?!**

AND ARE **The HOOLIGANS** AND **MONSTERS**
WAITING IN THE SHADOWS TO POUNCE?!!

THINGS GET
EVEN **WILDER**
NEXT TIME!!

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Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'

I wanted to mention (but forgot the last time I wrote) just how brilliant Sonic Universe is. The main Sonic the Hedgehog series is, of course, excellent, but Universe is the absolute perfect complement to it. As I've been becoming more and more enamored with StH, a big part of my enjoyment is stemming from the cast. As though you all are psychic, and know how much fun it is to read about everyone from Knuckles to Silver, Universe is there to give EVERYONE the screen time they deserve. I really hope that Universe is here for the long haul, because there'd be a big, gaping hole without it.

Sonic has such a great cast of characters! The supporting cast needs some time to shine too! As long as we have the support of fans like you, Sonic Universe will thrive for a long time!

Before I leave... suggestions/requests! I think Silver and Tails are cool and would love to see more of them and other

characters! And... well, that's about it... for now!

Robert M. sent to
Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for the letter and kind words, Robert! Wait and see what the future brings for Silver! As for our foxy, high-flying friend, Tails is actually a part of a group mission happening right now in Sonic the Hedgehog 260, check it out!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'

Hi! This is my first time writing in, and I just want to say, you guys are AWESOME. I grew up with Sonic, so the Sonic comics are very special to me. Keep up the good work!

Thanks! I'm glad you decided to drop us a line!

Okay, I guess I'll have "the usual,"

You got it! ORDER UP!

I love the Chaotix, and my favorite member is Mighty. Can I be Mighty's #1 fan, or if that's already taken, than his #1A fan?

Sure! I deem thee Mighty's #1A fan!

Next, I'm wondering if we'll see Chaos again. He had a cool cameo in "Worlds Collide" with the whole "Chaos Devil" thing, but will we see actual Chaos in the future?

Eagle-eyed fans can spot him in the start of this story arc last issue! Where did he go?! You might want to check out what's happening in the main Sonic the Hedgehog comic book right now. You may be pleasantly surprised!

Thanks, and once again, you guys are amazing!

Hunter H. sent to
Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thanks, Hunter! We hope you're digging The Great Chaos Caper and that you check out Waves of Change, happening right now in Sonic the Hedgehog 260-263!

See y'all next month as Knuckles and the Chaotix finally come face to face with the legendary spirit in part 3 of THE GREAT CHAOS CAPER!

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